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In re Application of :  
Robert M. Nally, et al :  
Serial No. 08/376,919 :DECISION ON PETITION  
Filed: January 23, 1995 : TO MAKE SPECIAL  
Attorney Docket No. P3510-P20US:(INFRINGEMENT)

A petition to make this case special on the basis of infringement has been filed, along with the requisite fee, in the above-noted application. Since the petition meets all the requirements of section 708.02-II of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), the request is GRANTED.

If the examiner can make this case special without prejudice to any possible interfering applications, and he should make a rigid search for such, he is authorized to do so for the next action. Should the application be rejected, the case will not be considered special for the subsequent action unless the applicant promptly makes a bona fide effort to place the case in condition for allowance, even if it is necessary to have an interview with the examiner to accomplish this purpose.

If the examiner finds any interfering application for the same subject matter, he should consider such application simultaneously with this case and should state in the official letter of such application that he is taking it out of its turn because of a possible interference.

Should an appeal be taken in this case or should this case become involved in an interference, consideration of the appeal and the interference will be expedited by Patent and Trademark Office officials concerned, contingent likewise upon diligent prosecution by the applicant.

After allowance, this case will be given priority for printing.  
See MPEP 1309.

The petition is granted to the extent indicated.

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